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Senate sends JOBS start-up package to governor

LANSING – A bi-cameral, bi-partisan package of bills designed to provide tax incentives for small start-up businesses was passed by the Senate today, announced Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

The package is the last portion of the initial phase of the JOBS Action plan for revitalizing Michigan's economy, creating and saving jobs and spurring business investment.

"This legislation is necessary to help attract and retain jobs in Michigan, especially in the high-tech arena," said Patterson, sponsor of one of the bills. "Providing them tax breaks will help them be successful and provide more job opportunities."

The bills are designed to encourage the growth of small firms that have the highest potential of creating future jobs and economic growth for Michigan. They would exempt certain businesses from most taxes during their first five years of business – traditionally the toughest years for businesses.

Businesses that qualify would be exempt from property taxes, as well as state and city income taxes and the Single Business Tax for five years if the firm has no net income. Qualified firms are still subject to sales and use taxes.

Senate Bill 872, sponsored by Patterson, amends the Technology Park Development Act to exempt a qualified start-up business from the technology park facilities tax.

"I commend my colleagues for supporting this much needed legislation and expect the governor will do the same," Patterson said.

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Comments from Sen. Patterson on the start-ups legislation are available for download on the Senate Majority Audiowire at www.senate.michigan.gov/gop